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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)	
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YAO, Liang-Gi et al.)	Examiner: LEE, Eugene
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Serial No.: 09/817,682)	Art Unit: 2815
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Filed: Mar. 26, 2001)	Docket No.: JCLA5662-CIP
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For: Alignment Mark Configuration)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of November 29, 2004 and the Advisory Action of February 14, 2005, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on February 25, 2005, Applicant hereby files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) regarding the above-identified application. As the RCE is filed within two months from the filing date of the Notice of Appeal, no time extension fee is due. This Preliminary Amendment is filed together with the RCE.

The Office Action dated 11/29/2004 and the Advisory Action of February 14, 2005 have been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the amendments and consider the following remarks.